

Councilwoman Bonner Announces Town Purchase of Long Vacant Oxygen Bar Property in Rocky Point

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Farmingville, NY – In a move that will further help revitalize the Rocky Point Downtown Business District, Councilwoman Jane Bonner announced today that the Town has closed on the purchase of the Oxygen Bar property located on the northwest corner of Route 25A and Broadway in Rocky Point. On May 9, 2011, the Town shut down the bar due to an expired Place of Assembly permit after a non-fatal shooting of four people occurred there. It has been a vacant eyesore in the community ever since that time. According to Councilwoman Bonner, the Town plans to transform the property into a passive park which will serve as the gateway to the downtown business district. The park is currently in the design stage, but is expected to include benches, trees, plantings and a pergola.

In 2014, the Town completed work on infrastructure upgrades along Broadway such as new curbs, sidewalks, crosswalks, road paving, trees and more. This was phase one of an overall plan to revitalize the district and re-establish the area as an attractive retail, dining and entertainment destination. The property was purchased by the Town for \$525,000.

"The vacant Oxygen Bar property has been a blight on the Rocky Point downtown business district for many years, but now it will welcome people to our downtown," said Councilwoman Jane Bonner. "This was a major step in the revitalization process and we will continue to make more improvements that will encourage people to visit the shops and restaurants along Broadway."

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